M I N U T E S SANDY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Sandy City Hall - Council Chamber Room #211 10000 Centennial Parkway Sandy, Utah 84070

December 11, 2007

Meeting was commenced at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT:

<u>Council Members:</u> Chairman Bryant Anderson, Vice Chairman Chris McCandless, Scott Cowdell, Steve Fairbanks, Linda Martinez Saville, Stephen Smith, and Dennis Tenney

Mayor: Tom Dolan

Others in Attendance: CAO Byron Jorgenson; Assistant CAO Scott Bond; Assistant to the CAO Korbin Lee; City Attorney Walter Miller; Community Development Director Mike Coulam; Police Chief Stephen Chapman; Director of Human Resources & Management Services Brian Kelly; Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Shay; Parks Superintendent Dan Medina; Council Office Director Phil Glenn; Council Office Manager Pam Lehman

1. OPENING REMARKS/PRAYER/PLEDGE:

The Prayer was offered by Councilman Scott Cowdell, and the Pledge was led by Sandy City Police Sergeant Alexander.

2. CITIZEN(S) COMMENTS:

a. Chris Thomas, President of the Sandy City Police Association, spoke on behalf of its members and their support to convert to the noncontributory retirement system. Mr. Thomas stated that this is something the Police Association has wanted to see happen for many years.

As there were no further comments, Chairman Anderson closed Citizen Comments.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Public Safety Retirement Conversion Window Hearing Brian Kelley
In the 2007 General Legislative Session the Utah State Legislature passed House Bill 21, Public Safety Retirement Conversion Window. This bill authorizes a "window" during which employers and members of the Public Safety Contributory System may enroll in the Public Safety Noncontributory System.

Discussion: Director of Human Resource and Management Services Brian Kelley presented a brief summary explaining the reasons associated with the Public Safety Retirement conversion. House Bill 21 opened a window for employers and employees to convert or transfer to the non contributory Public Safety retirement system. Employers have until the end of December to enroll in the retirement conversion window.

Under the current contributory system, the City contributes 19.95 %, and with the change, contribution would be 25.49%. With the conversion to the noncontributory system, the employer would pay the entire contribution.

The cost to the City with the transfer to the non contributory system would be approximately \$315,000 annually.

Mr. Kelley reported that West Jordan, West Valley, Orem, and Utah County have in the past

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transferred to the noncontributory The Administration recommends that the City transfer from the Contributory to the Noncontributory System.

Bryant Anderson asked how many employees the Police Department had.

Brian Kelley reported that there are approximatley 117-118 sworn officers in the Police Department.

Chairman Anderson opened the hearing for comments.

Patrick Radke, Patrol Officer, reported that he has been employed with the City for 10 years. He stated that the transfer to the noncontributory system will be beneficial to the officers who are employed with the City.

Bryant Anderson asked if the officers in attendance had any questions.

Brian Kelley reported that the Administration held meetings with the officers explaining the conversion to the noncontributory system.

Scott Cowdell asked if the officers who are vested in the retirement system, but who do not complete the required total years of service, could still receive partial benefits at age 62 or 65.

Brian Kelley stated that officers become vested in the retirement system after four years of service, at which point they are eligible to receive a percentage of their benefits at age 62 or 65.

Dennis Tenney asked if the \$315,000 in additional costs to the City would be funded from the General Fund.

Brian Kelley stated that these funds would most likely be taken from the General Fund.

Byron Jorgenson explained that once the conversion is made, funds will be appropriated in the budget for the \$315,000 from the General Fund.

Chris McCandless expressed appreciation to the officers for their service to the City, and stated that they "make us proud".

Linda Saville also expressed appreciation to the Police Officers for their assistance at the Sandy Club. She stated that, "Chief Chapman has a great group of men serving the City."

Bryant Anderson stated that he supports the transfer over to the noncontributory system especially if it will benefit families and careers of the employees. He expressed appreciation for the service these individuals render to the citizens in the community.

Ref: Agenda Item #6.

COUNCIL ITEMS(S):

4. Appointments to the School District Transition Team

Resolution #07-73 C – to appoint members to a transition team to represent a new School District.

Motion:

Dennis Tenney made the motion to adopt Resolution #07-73 C, appointing members to a transition team to represent a new School District as follows: C. DeVon Sanderson, Jason W. Burningham, Robert Day, J. Steve Newton, LaMont Smith, David S. Doty – alternate, Michael A Petersen – alternate, and Michael L. Shelton – alternate.

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Second: Steve Fairbanks

Vote:

Tenney- Yes, Fairbanks - Yes, McCandless- Yes, Saville- Yes, Smith - Yes,

Cowdell - Yes, Anderson - Yes

Motion Approved: All in Favor

Capital Projects Parks & Recreation, Report

Discussion: Dan Medina, Parks Superintendent, presented a power point presentation on the various capital projects within the Parks and Recreation Department; and projects that will be coming to fruition in the near future. [Ref: Exhibit "A"]

Mayor Dolan reported that the Council has been working for many years to procure funding for many capital projects within the Parks Department. Many of the technicalities associated with some of these projects are starting to get ironed out. Mayor Dolan informed the Council that the City needs to come up with a name for the 9400 South 1300 East Park. The Administration will come back to the Council with some recommended suggestions.

Scott Cowdell suggested holding a city wide contest to name the Park.

Bryant Anderson expressed appreciation to Nancy Shay and Dan Medina for their informative presentation.

Byron Jorgenson reported that the bids for the Urban Fishery came in higher than expected. Even though the majority of funding for the Urban Fishery came through federal funding, funds will need to be taken from other city projects in order to complete payment for this project. A public hearing to open the budget is scheduled for January 8, 2008, that will include the Administration's recommended adjustments for the Council to approve.

Mr. Jorgenson stated that trail systems are a high priority for the citizens in the community. The Administration would like to explore avenues to come up with additional funding to include a trail system with Phase One of the Quail Hollow Park design.

Chris McCandless felt that if the trail system in Quail Hollow Park connected to Wasatch Boulevard and the Bell Canyon Trail, more people would be inclined to use the system, which would eliminate vehicles from the Trailhead parking lot.

6. Adopting Public Safety Retirement

Resolution #07-72 C – electing to become a participating employer in the Public Safety Noncontributory Retirement System and making certain acknowledgements and authorizations in connection with such election.

Discussion: Ref: Agenda Item #3.

Steve Fairbanks made the motion to adopt Resolution #07-72 C, electing to

become a participating employer in the Public Safety Noncontributory Retirement System and making certain acknowledgements and

authorizations in connection with such election.

Second:

Motion:

Chris McCandless

Vote:

Fairbanks- Yes, McCandless- Yes, Smith - Yes, Cowdell- Yes, Tenney- Yes,

Saville- Yes, Anderson- Yes

Motion Approved: All in Favor

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Amending Staffing Plan, RHP, Retirement Health Savings
 Resolution #07-74 C – amending the Staffing & Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Motion:

Dennis Tenney made the motion to adopt Resolution #07-74 C, amending the Staffing

and Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Second:

Chris McCandless

Vote:

Tenney- Yes, McCandless- Yes, Saville – Yes, Fairbanks- Yes, Smith – Yes,

Cowdell-Yes, Anderson-Yes

Motion Approved: All in Favor

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Dolan thanked those who attended the topping off ceremony for the ReAL stadium. He stated that it was "very cold", but that it was a great event. The target date for the opening of the soccer stadium is set for October, 2008. A nationally televised game is scheduled for that evening, with three scheduled games in October. Officials are hoping to move up the scheduled completion of the stadium so that additional games can be scheduled. He stated that the Administration would be happy to take the Council on a personal tour of the stadium facilities.
- b. Mayor Dolan presented a copy of an article that was in Business Week on the success of major league soccer here in the United States.
- c. Mayor Dolan reported that meetings were held with the developer regarding the project south of City Hall. Mayor Dolan commented that he was pleased with how the project is coming together.
- d. Mayor Dolan reported that the Mayors, involved with the School District Transition, would like to appoint a Transition Administrator in January to assist and guide the transition team through the process of forming a new school district.

8. CAO'S REPORT

- a. Byron Jorgenson complimented the snow removal crews for their dedication in snow removal during the two significant snow storms that occurred.
- b. Byron Jorgenson reported that the Administration is ready to sell the home that the City purchased near High Point. This item would be brought before the Council for approval in January.
- c. Byron Jorgenson reported that bids would be going out within the next few weeks for the tank at Little Cottonwood Canyon Road. They are hopeful that construction can begin within the next few months.

COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Phil Glenn presented copies of a disclosure from the Administration on consulting services, along with articles printed in the <u>Deseret News</u> regarding a movement on the west side of the valley to stop the implementation date [July 1, 2008] of the new school district; and another regarding I-Provo and the financial difficulties that City is encountering. Mr. Glenn asked the Council if they would like to schedule a quadrant meeting for either February or March of next year. The Council agreed.

10. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. **Community Development Director Mike Coulam** reported that the manager for the new Paradise Bakery has invited City officials to their restaurant opening training session on Thursday, December 13th, between 5:30 -7:00 p.m.

Scott Cowdell requested a Council discussion with Economic Development Director Randy b. Sant to discuss projected funding mechanisms for future RDA and EDA projects, and how the various projects will benefit the City. He would like an analysis of the amount of tax dollars the City has given or received through the RDA and EDA projects, compared to projects that are developed without the assistance of RDA or EDA funds. He questioned whether projects that are approved to "jump start" an area, are as successful as projects that may have developed on their own. He also would like to know how much RDA revenue was deferred in property taxes over the years as compared to what the City has collected in property tax revenues for areas that were developed on their own.

He also expressed concern whether locating a proposed theater in Sandy would have a negative impact on our capital city, and if this could affect the perception of Sandy with other communities in the State.

Dennis Tenney stated that he did not believe that Salt Lake City would be impacted economically if a theater was located in Sandy, He felt that it would be advantageous to invite the Mayors' and Councils' of both Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County to meet with Sandy officials to get better acquainted and discuss some of the issues and concerns that they may have. Mr. Tenney felt that this could prove to be a very productive evening.

Steve Smith echoed Mr. Cowdell's request to discuss RDA mechanisms and how they have benefited the City. He has some of the same questions that were expressed by Mr. Cowdell: how much money the City has given versus the benefits received from these projects; and where funding will come from to fund the RDA projects if the economy enters into a recession.

Steve Fairbanks felt that it would be very difficult to determine the net cost of a development. He felt that it would be best to clearly determine what the City has received from the various RDA and EDA projects.

Bryant Anderson felt that it was time once again to address these issues. He stated that he felt bad that Salt Lake City had not been more receptive in encouraging developments that would have built them up. He felt that it would be a mistake if the Council did not provide good wholesome neighborhoods and activities for families to enjoy while living in the City.

At approximately 8:10 p.m., Dennis Tenney made a motion to adjourn Council Meeting, motion seconded by Chris McCandless.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meetina.

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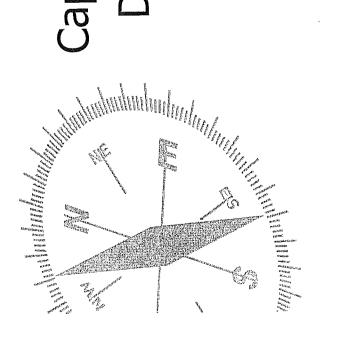
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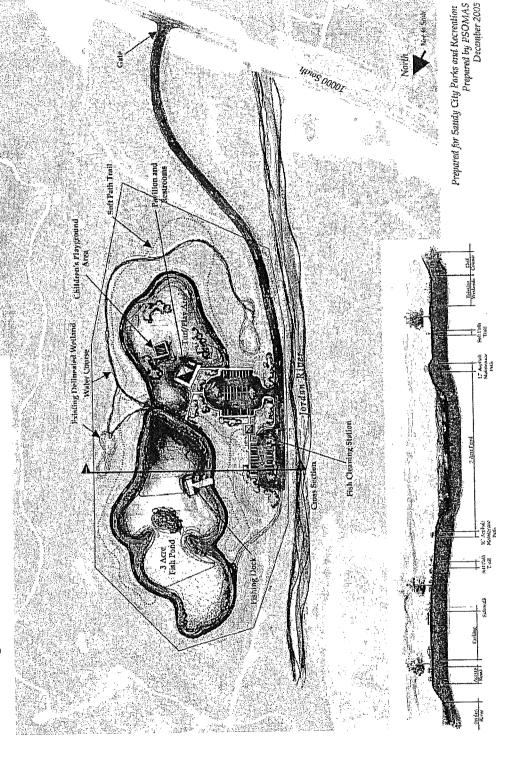
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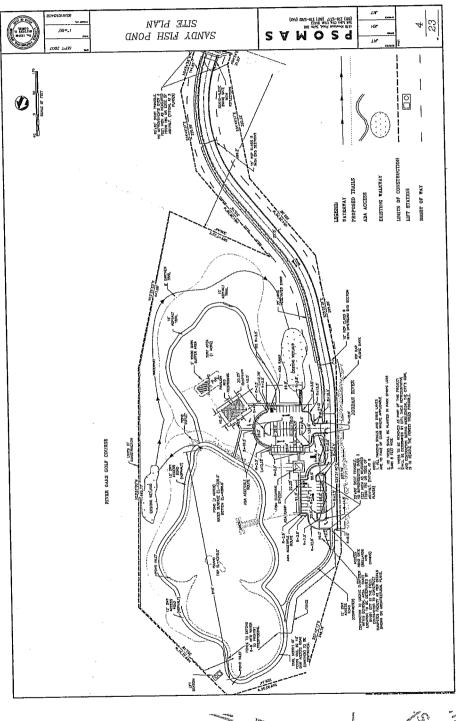
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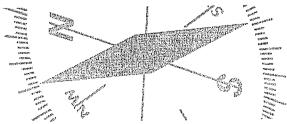




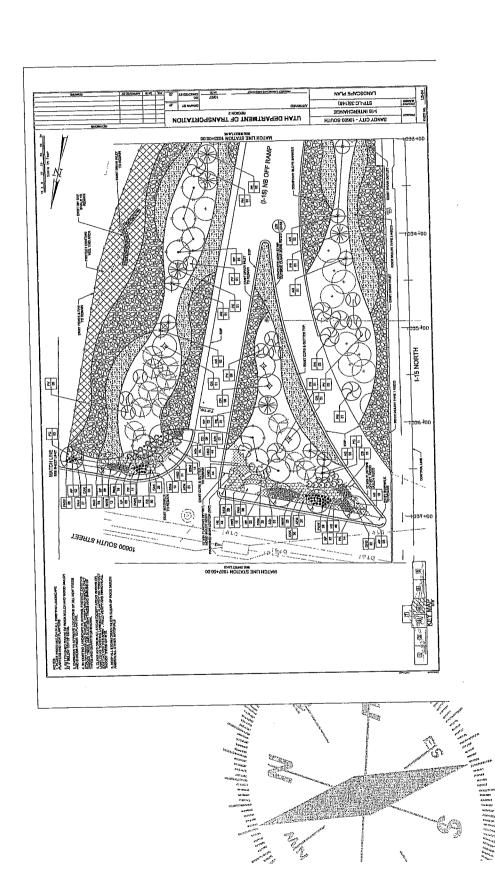
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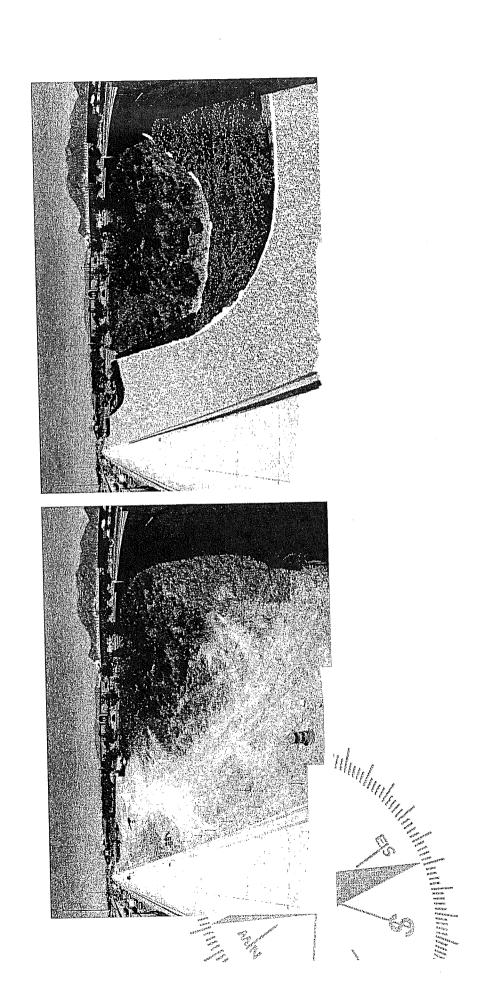




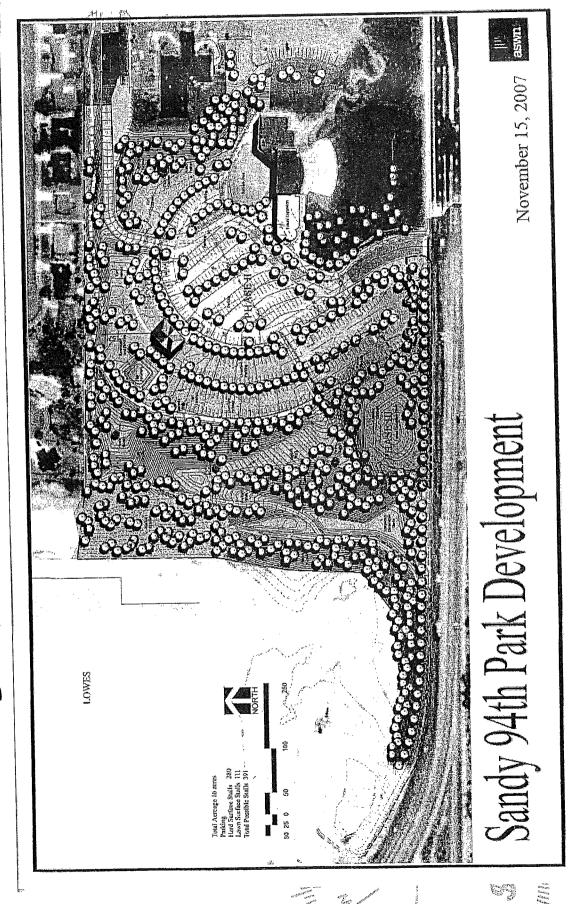
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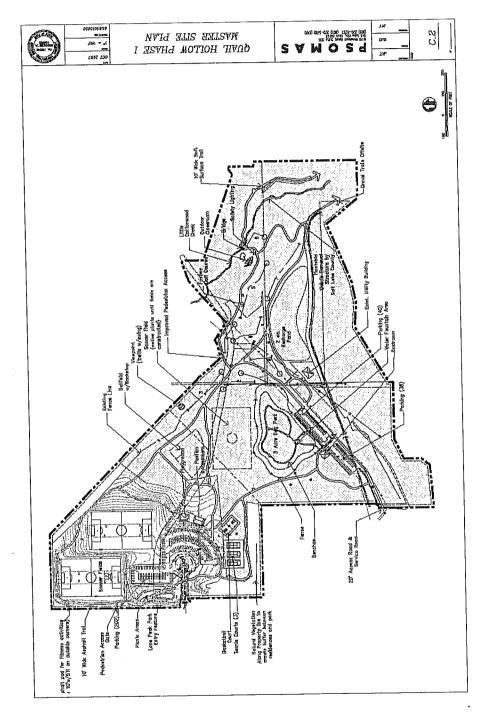
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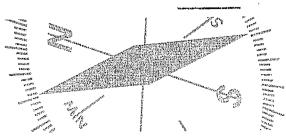


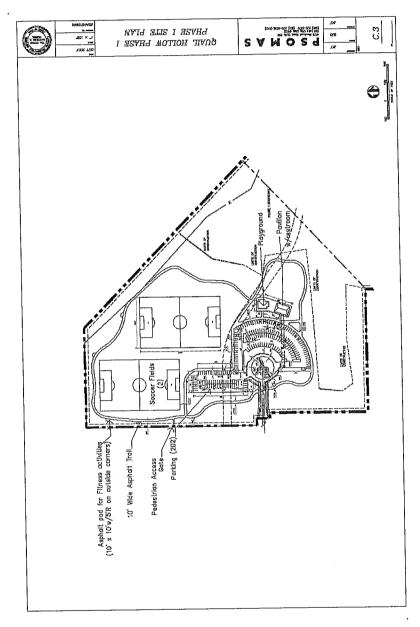
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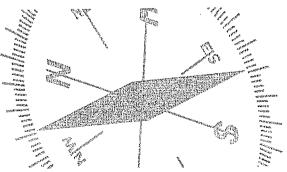


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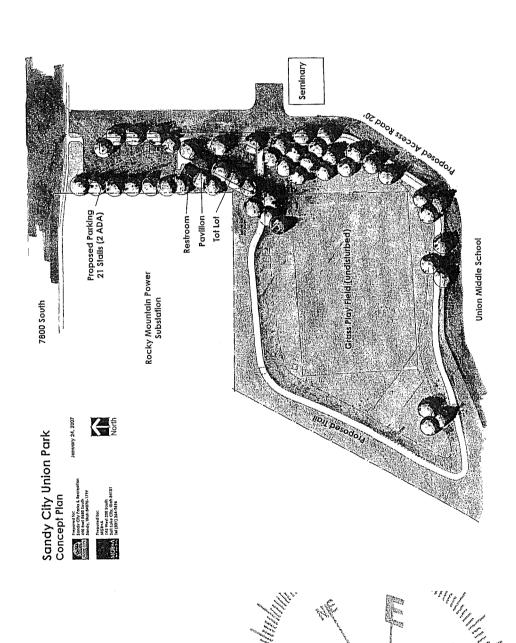




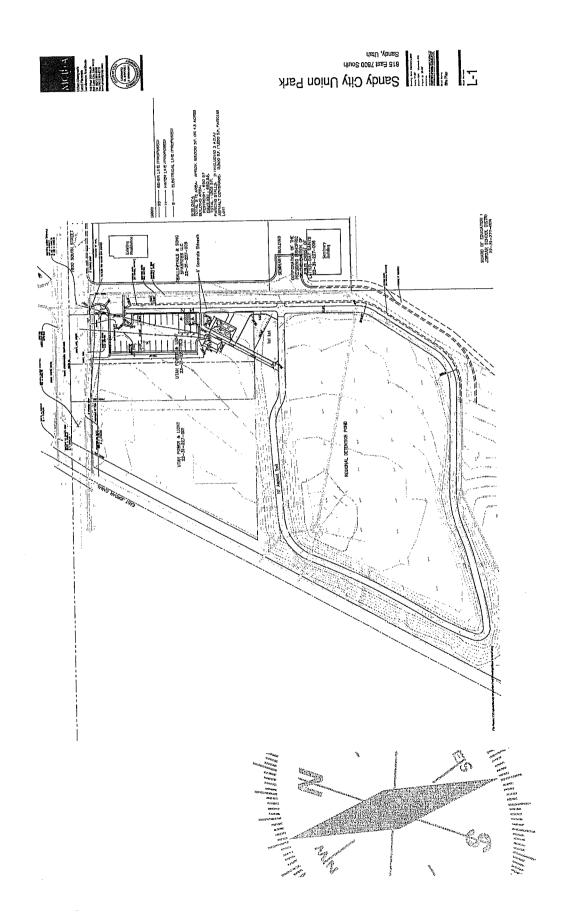




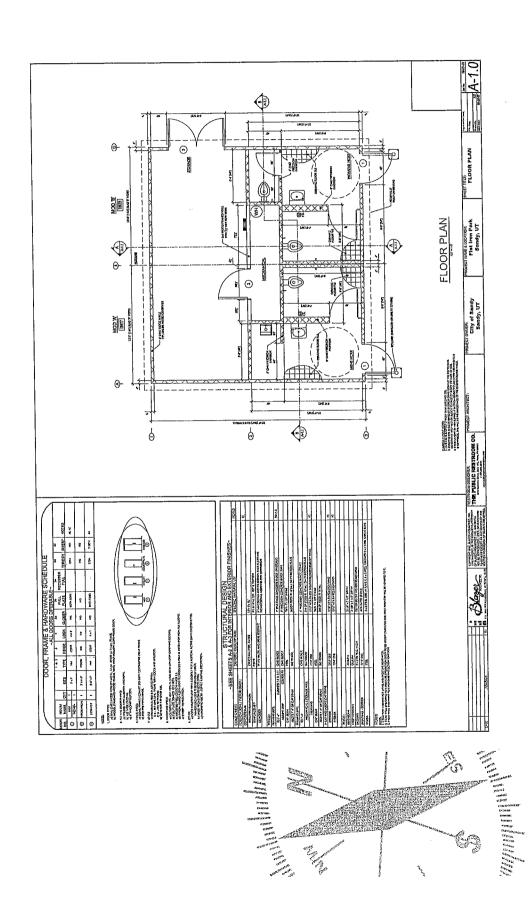
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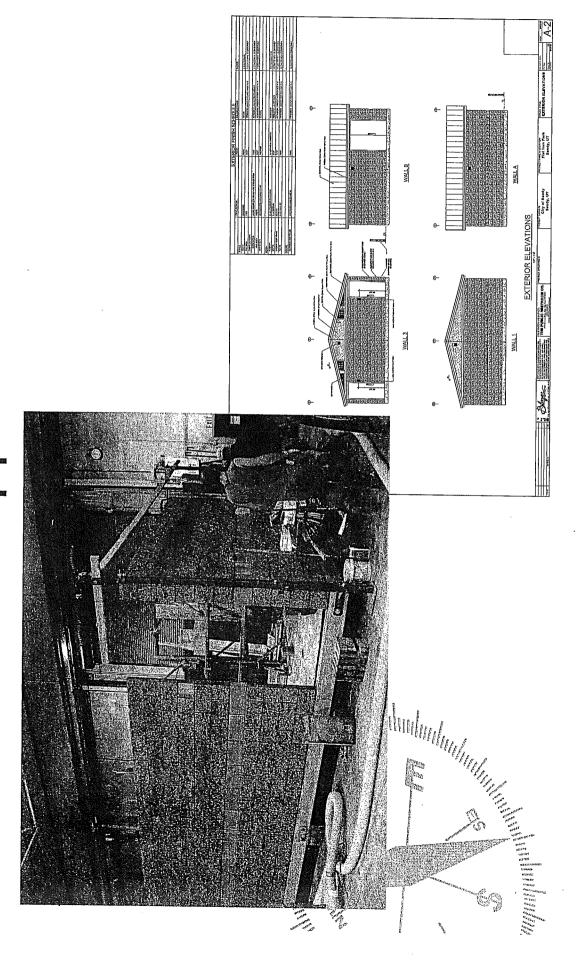
Union Park



Flat Iron Upper Restroom



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Other Projects

► Buttercup Park East Backstop Replacement

► Bicentennial East Sports Field Lighting Upgrade.

Flat Iron Irrigation Upgrades